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# Many perks to surg tech profession

**Zach Trueblood**  
Staff Writer

Parkland's Surgical Technology program has a 100 percent employment placement rate for those students that actually seek employment. In fact, the amount of jobs has often outnumbered the amount of students graduating from the program.

Job security is just one of the numerous perks to the profession.

"I like the fast paced, never know what's going on, change-up," said second year surgical technology student Brittany Dahlman.

Surgical technologists play a pivotal role in the surgery process. The assistance of a surgical technologist is needed to aid surgeons and maintain the general cleanliness of the operating room.

Dahlman put it bluntly-surgical technologists are the "sterile freaks" of the operating room. They are not there only to hand vital medical instruments to doctors. They are there to make sure the environment and the surgery are completely sterile which in turn keeps patients safe from infections.

Becky Masters, who is a Certified Surgical Technologist and a full-time faculty member who teaches surgical technology classes, obtained her certification at Parkland. She noted the rewarding challenges of the program and the profession.

"Surgical technology

is very challenging. The concepts we're teaching are some things that most people don't think about in their everyday life. So it's always a really good feeling when you see them get it and have them understand what you're teaching," Masters said.

Carolyn Ragsdale is the Surgical Technology Program Director. She's also a Certified Surgical Technologist and fulltime faculty at Parkland. She's been teaching at Parkland since 1989 and in the director position since 2010.

Ragsdale teaches a full course load, oversees contractual obligations with the hospitals they work with, makes sure students are compliant with the rigorous screening process, and is in charge of the outside accreditation.

Ragsdale started at Illinois State in the nursing program. She wasn't crazy about it and shifted to surgical technology as she loved the idea of always thinking on your feet.

According to Ragsdale, the job is never redundant. It changes with every single patient and it can be challenging for students but is ultimately the reason that many are drawn to the field.

"When they graduate from the program, they are prepared to go into any operating room in the United States. They are ready to be employed. Some choose to continue their education but they don't have to," Ragsdale said.

Charles Christopher



Photo courtesy of Surgical Technology | Parkland College

Students in the Surgical Technology program assist in a practice surgery during class. This program received the annual Merit Award from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting in 2013-14 for its 100 percent graduate pass rate.

is a second year surgical technology student alongside Dahlman. They both remarked on their enjoyment of the more gruesome aspects of the career.

"The job I had before this I could see some gross aspects

but it was in an uncontrolled environment. I wanted to be able to see all the grossness altogether in a more controlled environment," Christopher said.

Christopher is a former firefighter and had seen many

injuries via the response role. Now he wants to be in the action and assisting with surgeries.

Dahlman had somewhat of a medical background as

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# Speech and Debate Team offers beneficial skills

**Matthew Moss**  
Staff Writer

Parkland's Speech and Debate Team seeks to improve students' critical thinking and speaking skills, which can help them both inside and outside of the classroom.

Brian Cafarelli, one of the team's two coaches and a communications instructor at Parkland, says making the team the best that he can is his goal.

"Our business is trying to make perfection," Cafarelli said. "Improvement is a process of losses. We try to bank those losses and improve on them."

Cafarelli believes the speech and debate team is something every Parkland student should join.

He says the public speaking prowess garnered from the experience can be applied to many different career paths and open up unique opportunities.

Being good at public speaking is not a requirement to join the team. Learning is part of the experience and improvement is the only expectation.

Anna Addams, a first-year criminal justice education student here at

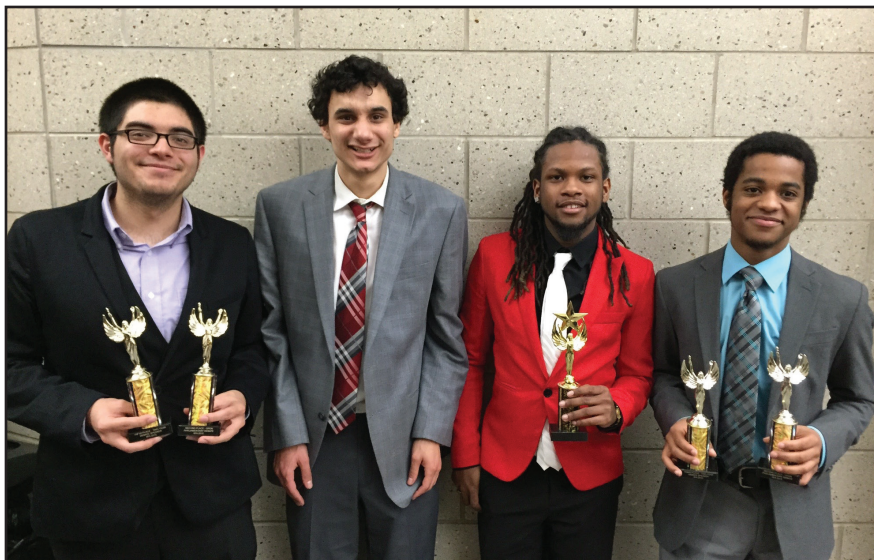


Photo by Brian Cafarelli | Parkland College

Left to right: Nick Scott, Ethan Young, Mario Flemming and Eric Miller stand with their awards after the Illinois Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Tournament on Saturday, March 7, 2015.

Parkland, has had an interest in speech and debate since before her high school days. An aspiring actress, she was attracted to her high school's speech team by the connections she drew between speech and acting.

"Speech is a competitive acting for

me," Addams said. "It's bettering my acting skills."

It is not only acting skills that Addams wants to gain from her experiences in speech and debate. She also seeks to improve herself as a person and acquire skills that she can

use in every aspect of her life.

With her major, she is looking to become a criminal defense attorney. She believes that the skills she learns from speech and debate, including the acting skills, will help her in the legal arena.

Team membership comes with the perk of a scholarship, which pays for all of the next year's class expenses except textbooks.

The team competes at various tournaments throughout the country. The team has travelled to national competitions in Oregon, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, among others.

The team placed second at last year's national tournament. Eric Miller, a former member of the speech and debate team, brought home a first-place award in public narrative.

In these national tournaments, two-year schools like Parkland square off against four-year universities. Cafarelli doesn't think competitors from four-year schools have an advantage over Parkland students.

"Everyone competes equally,"

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## Fact or Fiction

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# NEWS

## SEX SIGNALS



Actors in the improvisation show “Sex Signals” perform in Parkland’s Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 10. The show used comedy and the audience’s participation to educate viewers about sexual assault.

## Students can apply earlier for college aid

Josh Lederman  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aspiring college students will be able to apply for federal financial aid three months earlier than now and submit a previous year’s tax return, changes aimed at helping more people pay for school, the White House said Sunday.

Under the current system, students planning to start school in the fall of 2017 must wait until January of that year to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The new system will let them complete the form as early as October 2016, the month that marks the traditional start to the college application season.

The government uses that form to determine eligibility for Pell Grants and federally backed student loans. The White House said requiring applicants to wait until January slows down the aid process and makes it harder for prospective students to determine whether they can afford to go to college.

Some 2 million college students are eligible for federal Pell Grants but miss out because they never apply, said James Kvaal, the deputy director of the White House’s Domestic Policy Council.

“If we are not even reaching students who are currently enrolled in college, we wonder how many more students would be in college if they knew this aid was available,” Kvaal said in an interview.

President Barack Obama planned to announce the revisions Monday during a meeting Monday with high school students in Des Moines, Iowa.

Tring to make college more affordable, Obama has capped some student loan payments and signed legislation lowering certain interest rates. Recently, however, he dramatically scaled back his plan for the government to rank colleges based on their performance and value.

To assess a student’s financial background, the federal aid system crunches the numbers from a family’s tax returns, which can be electronically downloaded from the IRS for students who apply online. In advancing the start date to October, the Obama administration will

## California wildfire incinerates homes



A wildfire burns across a hillside in Middletown, Calif., on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015. Two of California’s fastest-burning wildfires in decades overtook several Northern California towns, killing at least one person and destroying hundreds of homes and businesses.

Ellen Knickmeyer  
Olga R. Rodriguez  
Associated Press

MIDDLETOWN, Calif. (AP) — An explosive wildfire burned largely unchecked Monday after incinerating homes, apartment blocks and hundreds of other buildings as it raced through rural communities in Northern California’s Lake County, leaving at least one person dead and sending thousands fleeing down flame-lined streets.

But it’s not the only one. A second massive wildfire, less than 200 miles away is blamed for destroying 135 homes as it spread through Amador and Calaveras counties in the Sierra Nevada. That fire was 30 percent contained.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection confirmed Sunday one fatality in the Lake County wildfire that raced through dry brush and exploded in size within hours. In addition to the homes, officials also counted two apartment complexes and 10 businesses destroyed by the flames, department spokeswoman Lynn Valentine said.

Valentine couldn’t provide details on the circumstances of the death. By Monday morning, crews had gained 5 percent containment of the 95-square-mile blaze.

In addition, up to 1,000 structures such as barns, sheds and other outbuildings were burned, said Cal Fire spokesman Daniel Berlant.

A shift in the weather was expected for the first part of the week as a trough of low pressure approached the West Coast. The National Weather Service said that would mean a cooling trend with increasing winds, higher humidity and showers, then more widespread precipitation Wednesday. The week will end drier and warmer.

In Lake County, residents fled from Middletown, dodging smoldering telephone poles, downed power lines and fallen trees as they drove through billowing smoke.

Teri Molini said she first heard word of the fire Saturday afternoon and

raced out of her house with the family dog, blankets and mementos. Four hours later, she could see the flames from where she sought shelter.

“We said, ‘OK, this thing’s a beast,”’ Molini, 53, said.

Whole blocks of houses were burned in parts of the town of more than 1,000 residents that lies about 20 miles north of the famed Napa Valley. On the west side of town, house after house was burned to their foundations, with only charred appliances and twisted metal garage doors still recognizable.

Firefighters on Sunday afternoon could be seen driving around flaming utility poles to put out spot fires. Homeowner Justin Galvin, 33, himself a firefighter, stood alone at his house, poking its shin-high, smoking ruins with a piece of scrap metal.

“This is my home. Or it was,” said Galvin, who spent all night fighting another massive fire in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Valentine said most of the destruction occurred in Middletown and Hidden Valley Lake, as well as among numerous homes along a shuttered state highway.

Wind gusts that reached up to 30 mph sent embers raining down on homes and made it hard for firefighters to stop the Lake County blaze from advancing, Berlant said.

Four firefighters who are members of a helicopter crew suffered second-degree burns during the initial attack on the fire. They remained hospitalized in stable condition.

The fire continued to burn in all directions, triggering the evacuation of a stretch along Highway 281, including Clear Lake Riviera, a town with about 3,000 residents. It was threatening critical communications infrastructure as well as a power plant, Cal Fire said.

The fire erupted Saturday afternoon and rapidly chewed through brush and trees parched from four years of drought. Entire towns as well as residents along a 35-mile stretch of State Route 29 were evacuated. Gov. Jerry Brown on Sunday declared a state of emergency to free up

resources.

Brown had already declared a state of emergency for the separate 111-square-mile wildfire about 70 miles southeast of Sacramento that has turned the grassy, tree-studded Sierra Nevada foothills an eerie white.

Mark Ghilarducci, director of the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services, said this summer’s fires are the most volatile he has seen in 30 years of emergency response work. The main cause behind the fast-spreading fires is dry conditions from the drought.

“The bushes, the trees have absolutely no moisture in them, and the humidities are so low that we are seeing these ‘fire starts’ just erupt into conflagrations,” Ghilarducci said.

Lake County saw devastation in just the last two months. In late July, a wildfire east of Clear Lake destroyed 43 homes as it spread across 109 square miles. As firefighters drew close to surrounding that blaze, another fire erupted several miles from the community of Lower Lake on Aug. 9 and more than doubled in size overnight.

Residents in the area had to evacuate from their homes two times in as many weeks.

East of Fresno, the largest wildfire in the state continued to march westward and away from the Sierra’s Giant Sequoia trees, fire spokesman Dave Schmitt said. The fire, which was sparked by lightning on July 31, has charred 211 square miles and was 36 percent contained Sunday, the U.S. Forest Service said.

Firefighters have maintained a precautionary line around Grant Grove, an ancient grove of Giant Sequoia trees, and set prescribed burns to keep the flames from overrunning it.

Some fire came through the area but it hasn’t done much harm, fire spokesman Frank Mosbacher told the Fresno Bee.

The grove is named for the towering General Grant tree that stands 268 feet tall. There are dozens of Sequoia groves in the Sierra Nevada, and some trees are 3,000 years old.



# LIFESTYLE

## ER receives thousands of Tricycle injuries each year

Lindsey Tanner  
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Tricycles might seem pretty tame but they send thousands of kids to emergency rooms each year and are even linked to a handful of deaths, new research shows. Here are three things to know about tricycle risks:

**THE NUMBERS**  
More than 9,000 tricycle-related injuries were treated in U.S. emergency rooms in 2012 and 2013, or nearly 5,000 each year, according to the study by researchers at Medical College of Georgia and Emory University. Scant previous research on the topic prompted the study, which involved an analysis of data in a national injury surveillance system. The system collects information on emergency room visits for nonfatal injuries linked with consumer products, run by the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**THE INJURIES**  
Two-year-olds were most frequently injured. Skin gashes were the most common injury and heads were most commonly injured. Less than 3 percent of the kids had to be hospitalized, but those youngsters had serious injuries including limb amputations, fractures and internal organ damage.

The study was published Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The safety commission receives occasional reports of tricycle-linked deaths, including nine from 2010 through last year. Most were drownings, after tricycles tumbled into pools. Other causes: fatal head injuries or being struck by a car.

**THE ADVICE**  
The American Academy of Pediatrics says most children don't have the balance or coordination to ride a tricycle until around age 3.

Low tricycles, with big wheels, are safest, and helmets should be worn, the academy says. Proper supervision is advised, including keeping little cyclists away from pools and streets.

# HUMANS OF PARKLAND



Christian Waggoner

Photo by Sarah Powers | The Prospectus

“Right now I’m studying Graphic Design. I actually grew up wanting to be a structural engineer. I always liked art and I also wanted to be a journalist, so I ended up just combining all my passions and realizing that I really wanted to communicate through art.

I was in ballet for nine years, so music and dance has always been a big creative release for me. For a couple years now, I’ve been interested in dance hooping and doing tricks. I picked up a hoop, starting doing it, and it really helped me get motivated and feel connected in a community. I usually try to hoop for an hour every morning and an hour every night.

When I put on music and think, ‘oh I really want to listen to this new acoustic CD,’ I’ll throw in a hip-hop record and just throw myself for a loop to see what happens. I feel like I get lost while I’m [hooping], but it almost helps me start and finish my day, because it’s good physical exercise, it’s stimulating. I really connect to music through moving, so it helps get things pumping for me.

I find that the days I wake up and hula-hoop are the days I do better working in my sketchbook, and come up with better brainstorming ideas for class.

I’ve always been interested [in visual communication], and I’ve had a lot of teachers and peers say, ‘you have a

knack for that,’ or ‘you have an eye for that.’ Then I began to believe that maybe I do.

A year ago, I took two college art

“I needed something to break through and get back into releasing that creativity through myself no matter how bad things are.”

classes, which was my first real college experience. I took a two-dimensional design class, and that kind of opened up the door to the art world for me.

I took a semester off, though, because I thought I was moving to Colorado to go to art school out there. For about 9 months, my fiancé and I planned this big move, saved up for it, lined up our jobs for transfer, and planned to start our new life. We knew this other couple

for a long time that was going to make the move with us. We drove west in January, but when we got out there, our “roommates” ended up just not showing up. They decided to stay out in Philadelphia.

So we’re out there with not quite enough money to make it on our own. We had to face the defeat of moving across the country to stay in an Extended Stay with our cat and our plans, and the thought that if we don’t turn back now, we may not make it.

That put me in a pretty deep creative rut for a little while. I didn’t know how to start creating again. I was really down on myself and I felt like I couldn’t clearly communicate what I wanted to when I was in a rut like that. So I needed something to break through and get back into releasing that creativity through myself no matter how bad things are.

It was pretty humbling because I thought that [Champaign-Urbana] was the last place I’d want to end up, but when we came back, we found an apartment really quick, I had my family around again, my fiancé and I got our jobs back, and everything just fell back into place. It’s interesting because I thought that this was just the place I didn’t want to be, but here we are, and we’re happy.”

## Obama promotes search tool with college-specific data

Jennifer C. Kerr  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Saturday debuted a redesigned online tool with college-specific information about student costs, loans and potential earning power, scaling back a planned ratings system that critics derided as too subjective and unworkable.

The College Scorecard — at <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov> — provides a snapshot of what former students of each school might earn, how much debt they leave with, and what percentage can repay their loans.

“Everyone should be able to find clear, reliable, open data on college affordability and value,” President Barack Obama said in his weekly radio address. “Many existing college rankings reward schools for spending more money and rejecting more

students — at a time when America needs our colleges to focus on affordability and supporting all students who enroll.”

The department’s original scorecard had allowed users to search schools by majors offered, ZIP code, size and campus setting, among other things.

The updated site provides fresh data to help students choose the right college, with an emphasis on cost and post-graduate results, department officials said in promoting the changes.

For example, the scorecard offers the first comprehensive look at after-college earnings for students who attended all types of undergraduate institutions, based on tax records.

Someone heading to college could see the proportion of students at a school who earned more than they would have had they entered the job market right after high

school. Also available: the median earnings of former students who received federal financial aid, at 10 years after entering the school, with a comparison to the national average.

Searches also show graduation rates and typical student debt and monthly payments a student would owe for each school.

“Students deserve to know their investment of resources and hard work in college is going to pay off,” said Education Secretary Arne Duncan.

He kicks off a seven-state, back-to-school bus tour on Monday; Obama is set to appear at the first stop, in Des Moines, Iowa. The two will host a town hall meeting on college affordability and access.

The updated scorecard falls well short of the president’s original plan, proposed two years ago before a crowd of 7,000 at the University of

Buffalo.

Obama had said the government would design a college ratings system that would judge schools on affordability and return on investment. Many in higher education quickly criticized the idea and worried that the rankings would be arbitrary and unfair. GOP opponents in Congress called it government overreach.

The administration ultimately scrapped plans to use the ratings as a basis to parcel out billions of federal dollars in financial aid, and decided against rating the more than 7,000 colleges and universities in the country.

Instead, the government said earlier this summer it would take a different approach, offering students and families more data to help them make better choices — and draw their own conclusions.

Leaders in higher education who opposed the ratings

system cautiously welcomed the new approach.

Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education, acknowledged the interest in having accurate data about earnings for college graduates, but she said the revised scorecard still needs work.

“Developing a system of this size and scope is a complicated and nuanced endeavor and the department has done so without any external review,” she said.

Significant data limitations exist, she said, such as one single earning number for an entire institution — regardless of whether the student studied chemical engineering or philosophy.

College search sites, such as ScholarMatch and StartClass, are using the new scorecard data to develop customized searches for students on their websites.



# OPINIONS

## In Review: Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross, and A Great American Land Grab

Peter Floess  
Staff Writer

Quick quiz: Why are Jackson, Mississippi, Jacksonville, Florida, and Jackson County, Alabama named for President Andrew Jackson? Answer: Because Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi were the three states he did the most to establish.

The author of *Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross, and a Great American Land Grab* (Penguin Press), Steve Inskeep, believes that Jackson, more than anyone else, was responsible for the settling of the “Deep South” by white settlers, plantation owners, and their black slaves.

During Jackson’s life as a real estate dealer, military and political leader, he tried to clear the South of the Native American population: Cherokees, the Chickasaws, the Choctaws, the Creeks, and the Seminoles.

By 1816, Jackson, his relatives, and his business partners controlled 45,000 acres in what is now Northern Alabama. The land was either sold as plantations, farms, or cities.

Martin van Buren, one of Jackson’s main political advisors and a key person in his government, remembered Jackson’s first objective as President was “the removal of the Indians from the vicinity of the white population and their settlement beyond the Mississippi.” Unfortunately for Jackson’s administration, the Cherokees elected John Ross (who was of mixed heritage; he could “pass” as either Cherokee or white) as their Chief in 1828. Ross, who was “well educated by the standards of the frontier,” had been part of the Cherokee delegations to Washington, D.C. since 1816.

By 1828, as leader, he believed that his duty was to carry out the Cherokee constitution (which he helped daft) that said the current boundaries of the Cherokee Nation are “reserved forever.” At the time,

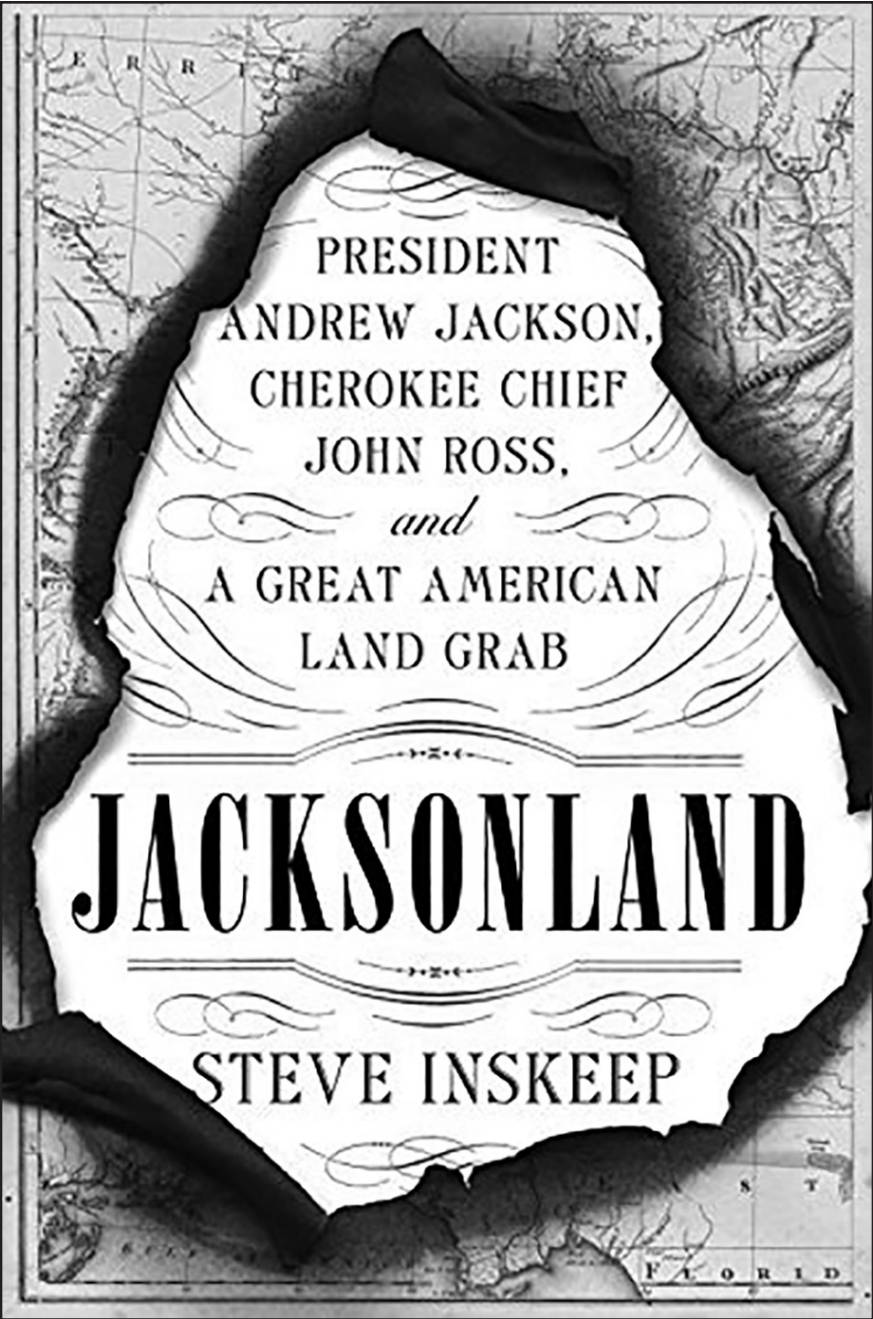


Image courtesy of Steve Inskeep | Author

the Cherokee Nation was in the four corners area of the present-day states of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

In 1791, George Washington’s government and the Cherokees signed

a peace treaty where Washington promised to respect the rights and borders of the Cherokees.

Washington passed the Indian Intercourse Acts which stated “the federal government...would manage

relations with the tribes. Government trading posts would sell Indians the goods required for civilization.”

By the 1830s, many Cherokees within the Cherokee Nation had adopted many aspects of white culture, some (including John Ross) even owned slaves. As Chief, Ross meant to protect Cherokee land as either an independent nation or as a state within the United States. Ross was popular with the Cherokees.

According to Inskeep, “He understood how devoted the people were to their homes...He came to feel, as Jackson did, that the people spoke through him.” Ross remained the leader of the Western Cherokees until the Civil War, guiding the Western Cherokees through the Trail of Tears to present-day Oklahoma and its aftermath.

The best part of *Jacksonland* is that I knew very little about John Ross, Jackson, or the United States in the 1830s before I read the book, so there was a lot of new information to learn and understand. Inskeep tries to balance his two main subjects and he balances them quite well. Ross controlled his public image more careful than Jackson. Due to the fact that Ross believed he represented the future of the Cherokees, he was very careful to create the image of being a “well-bred country” gentleman, who could control his emotions. Conversely the scenes of Andrew Jackson, who was much more emotional, are a little more memorable in the book.

The story of Jackson and Ross is important because their battle changed how many white Americans viewed minorities. Many white abolitionists originally thought that freed slaves in the United States should be removed to West Africa, but after 1830, some activists “concluded that if Indian removal was wrong, so was African removal...a new movement declared that slaves should be immediately emancipated and allowed to live free in the United States.”

## Seeking ‘16 spark, Walker proposes vast union restrictions



Photo by Seth Perlman | AP Photo

In this Sept. 10, 2015 file photo, Republican presidential candidate, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker speaks in Eureka, Ill. In dire need of a spark to rescue his limping presidential campaign, Walker is turning to the issue that first thrust him into the national spotlight four years ago, fighting unions.

Scott Bauer  
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Scott Walker called Monday for sweeping restrictions on organized labor in the U.S., seeking to replicate nationwide his successful effort as Wisconsin’s governor to curb the power of unions.

At a town hall meeting in Las Vegas, Walker will propose eliminating unions for employees of the federal government, making all workplaces right-to-work unless individual states vote otherwise, scrapping the federal agency that oversees

unfair labor practices and making it more difficult for unions to organize.

Labor law experts said such an effort, if successful, would substantially reduce the power of organized labor in America.

“This will not be easy,” Walker said in a statement to The Associated Press. “Many — including the union bosses and the politicians they puppet — have long benefited from Washington rules that put the needs of special interests before needs of middle-class families.”

While some of Walker’s proposals would affect private-sector unions, many specifically target unions

for workers at all levels of government.

“Our plan will eliminate the big government unions entirely and put the American people back in charge of their government,” Walker planned to say later Monday, according to excerpts of his speech released by his campaign. “Federal employees should work for the taxpayers — not the other way around.”

While Walker could enact some of the proposals via presidential executive order, others would require an act of Congress or changes in federal regulations. The goal, Walker said, is “to achieve fairness and opportunity for

American workers.”

Experts were taken aback by the scope of Walker’s proposals, which seek to undo decades of law and would gut the landmark National Relations Labor Act — adopted in 1935 and signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the height of the Great Depression.

“I’ve never seen anything like this,” said Ann Hodges, a professor at the University of Richmond who has studied labor law for more than 40 years. “This will take the breath away from anyone who’s worked in labor relations for any length of time. ... It’s pretty draconian.”

Walker’s plan also calls

for prohibiting automatic withdrawal of union dues to be used for political purposes and forbidding union organizers to access employees’ personal information, such as their phone numbers.

Lee Adler, a labor law expert at Cornell University, said Walker’s proposals would eliminate workers’ rights and make it more difficult for people to join the middle class.

“Mr. Walker could only be making these type of proposals to satisfy his most backward-looking, wealthy contributors, just as he pursued, as governor, policies advanced by these people that sought to destroy school teachers and other public employees’ rights in Wisconsin,” he said.

The reaction from labor groups and Democrats, their traditional political ally, was unexpectedly blunt. “His campaign is floundering and so he does what he always does when he can’t think of real solutions, he attacks workers,” said AFL-CIO spokesman Eric Hauser.

Added Democratic National Committee spokesman TJ Helmstetter, “By seeking to dismantle unions — the backbone of the middle class that gave us weekends, paid vacations, and child labor laws — Scott Walker is again placing his political ambitions and the demands of his billionaire benefactors ahead of middle class Americans.”

Walker rose to national prominence in 2011, when just six weeks after taking office as governor, he proposed effectively ending collective bargaining for most public workers in Wisconsin. In the face of protests that often numbered in the tens of thousands,



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## TECH

well, dabbling with the CNA program and a number of other jobs.

Christopher is in the fast track portion of the class where all the surgical technology classes are taken at once.

Dahlman elected to take her general studies first and then do surgical technology portion. Both students explained that the program is quick and keeps you on your toes but if studies are kept up with then it's more than manageable.

Parkland's Surgical Technology program is a 2 year program. The first year focuses mainly on elective

and general studies courses like English and Biology. The start of the second year focuses more on surgical technology.

Entry to the program requires a completed Health Career Application and an application fee along with other screening after acceptance into the program.

Students take a national certification exam. If passed, they are certified to work in any state. Other programs are limited to the state of Illinois and this provides a mobility aspect for surg tech students.

Their pass rate for the 2014 National Certification Exam was also 100 percent.

Surgical Technology Week at Parkland starts on Sept. 21 with a potluck hosted by the Surgical Technology Club. Two different open houses

will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The second will be on Friday, Sept. 25 from 1-3 p.m.

These open houses will be held in the mock operating room. Interested students are encouraged to come as well as current students. This is a way for their families to see what they do as most of their job consists of them behind closed doors. The club, Ragsdale, and Masters also want to raise awareness about the field and help combat any misconceptions.

Ragsdale encourages any interested students to contact her to set up times to observe the classroom experiences of the surgical technology program. She is reachable via email at cragsdale@parkland.edu.

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## WALKER

Walker muscled the changes through the state legislature — even after Democratic lawmakers fled the state in an unsuccessful effort to stave off his plans.

Democrats responded by forcing Walker into a recall election in 2012, which he won — making him the first governor in U.S. history to do so. He went on to make Wisconsin a right-to-work state earlier this year. Under right-to-work laws, workers can't be required to pay union dues as a condition of employment.

His decision to focus on fighting unions at the national level comes as Walker seeks to gain momentum for a presidential campaign that has fallen behind following billionaire businessman Donald Trump's rise to the top of early opinion polls. And some of Walker's comments drew derision — such as when he said earlier this month that he's not a career politician, even though he's been in office

since he was 25 years old.

Walker was all the buzz in Iowa a couple months ago, said attorney Mike Mahaffey, a past state chairman of the Iowa Republican Party. "He does not come up as much as he did two months ago," Mahaffey said. "And that's a problem."

Another former Iowa GOP chairman, Matt Strawn, said while fighting unions may not be the biggest issue on the minds of Iowans, it's a good one for Walker to take on because it reminds them of his victories in neighboring Wisconsin.

Walker, 47, says he intends to be more aggressive in this week's second GOP debate, while insisting he isn't concerned about his standing in the race.

"None of this intimidates us," Walker said at a recent campaign appearance. "I think if people are looking for someone who is truly going to shake things up and wreak havoc on Washington, they want someone who's got real solutions and someone who is truly tested. I'm the only one on that stage that fits the bill."

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## AID

allow students to use earlier tax information so they do not have to wait until the following year's returns are filed.

For example, a student applying for aid for the 2017-2018 academic year currently

must use their 2016 tax return. The new system will let them use their 2015 return.

Using older tax information could cause significant changes for some students, such as those who take a "gap year" to work after high school but whose ability to pay for college would still be based on their senior year.

Kvaal said the administration will ask

colleges to use their leeway with Pell Grants to take students' unique circumstances into account when necessary.

"We anticipate there may be a little more work for colleges to do to adjust financial aid packages," Kvaal said. "But overall, we believe that the earlier tax data is a sound basis for awarding federal student aid."

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## SPEECH

Cafarelli said. "I don't think it's fair to say that Parkland students are not as smart, or gifted, or talented as students from four-year [schools]."

Nathan Stewart, who is also a coach and a communications instructor at Parkland, says providing students with opportunities to enhance the thinking and communication skills they use every day is the primary mission of the team. Giving students the ability to think and act for themselves is an important aspect of the team's philosophy.

For those turned off from joining the team by the fear of public speaking, Addams says the best way to overcome the fear is to face it, over and over again. She is nervous going into every competition, but her nervousness subsides once she gets going.

"I just shake off my nerves and I just dive into it," Addams said. "You'll get over your nerves pretty quickly."

She reiterated that the benefits of being on the team far outweigh any public speaking fears one might have.

Anyone looking to join the team should contact Brian Cafarelli or Nathan Stewart in C127.

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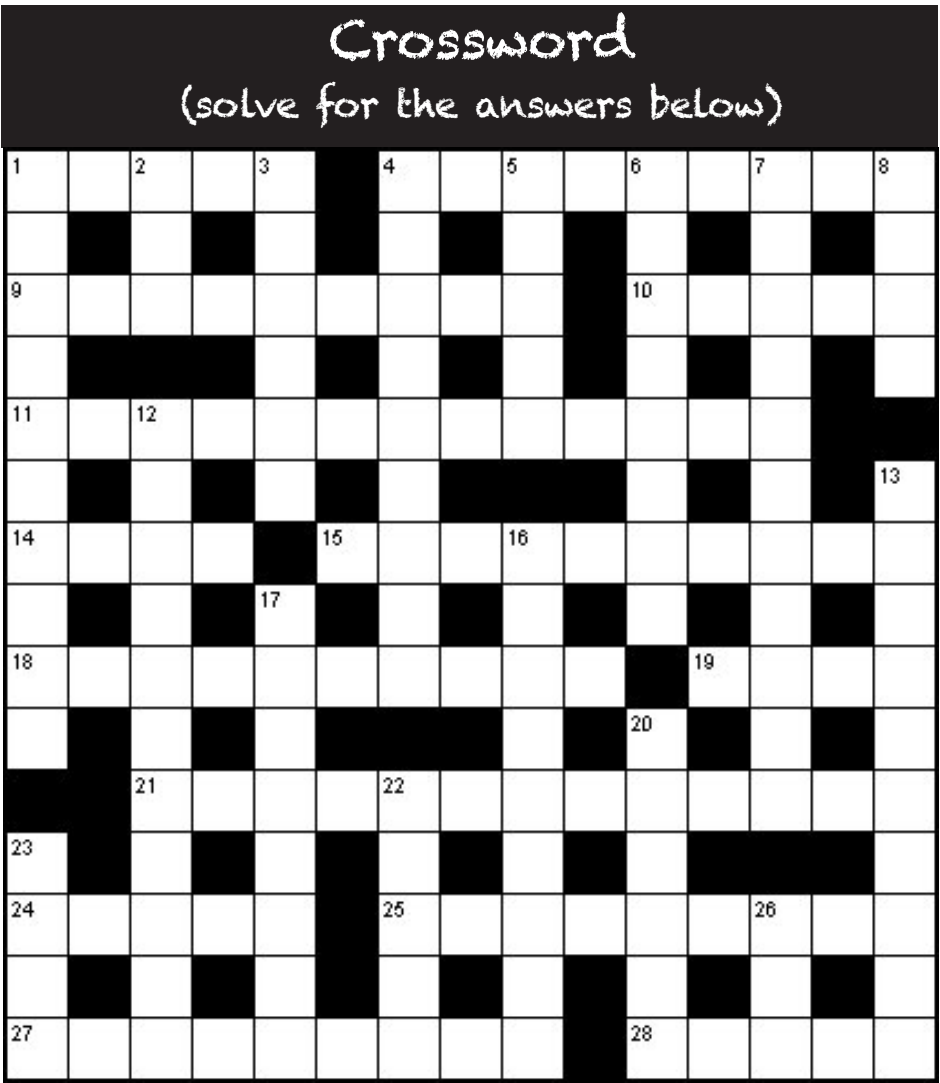
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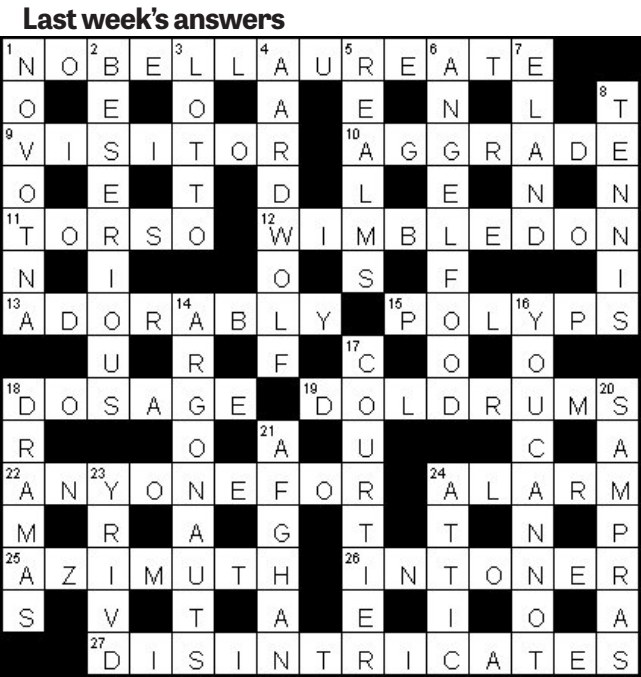
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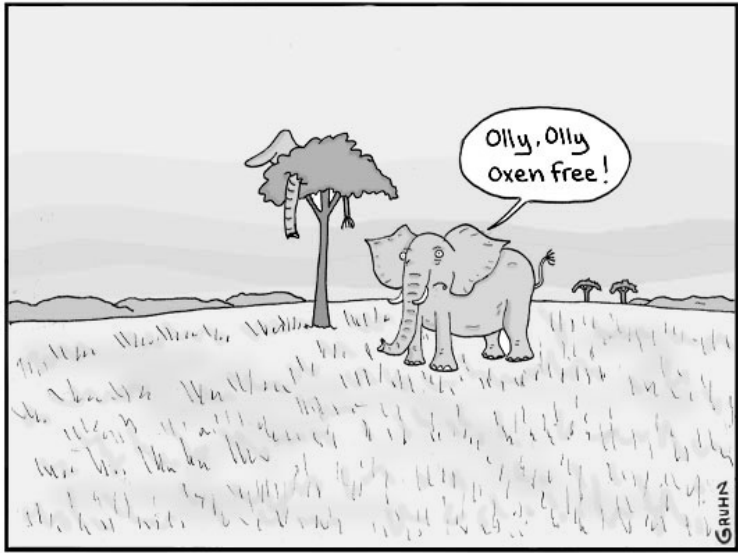
- ACROSS**
- 1 West African gazelle that's rather vocal (5)
  - 4 Den of iniquity's discovered when teenage gang member is hauled back in front of wise judge (9)
  - 9 Sound the waterway with a circular vessel (4-5)
  - 10 Unlike airbag, a rag has neither \_\_\_\_ to encircle (5)
  - 11 Obviously being drunk, I may call taxi round (13)
  - 14 Tense fellows taking Ecstasy and grass (4)
  - 15 Unfortunately, skinhead at heart bore race hatred (10)
  - 18 Watering hole? (10)
  - 19 God of love – and discord (4)
  - 21 Ordered to resit maths exam, primarily in Fermat and Pythagoras? (13)
  - 24 Cockney Scotsman belonging to a US sect (5)
  - 25 Soldier gets issue, we hear, of woollen fabric (9)
  - 27 Expresses willingness to keep goal – for the prison team? (9)
  - 28 Comb-like swimming organ – a number can be found in fringes of coelenterate (5)

- DOWN**
- 1 Wills merchant gives brandy to a couple of soldiers perhaps (10)
  - 2 Ring about oven from Perth (3)
  - 3 Try your speed against mine – for a bunch of flowers (6)
  - 4 Straw-plait that's brown and durable (9)
  - 5 Acid that causes disease in cattle, chiefly (5)
  - 6 A cross I shall have to bear: not to be ultimately savoury of armpit (8)
  - 7 Salts from Iceland love greenish-blue fish (11)
  - 8 John captures black wolf (4)
  - 12 At last detain Fagin, crafty robber, and you have the right to fine him (11)
  - 13 Writer is wise to miss European varnishing-day (10)
  - 16 Shows more ingenuity and stings more than one's competitors? (9)
  - 17 Lovesick shepherd disturbed hornets, bringing in the last of sheep (8)
  - 20 13 letters written by one Conservative? That shows some sort of energy (6)
  - 22 Broad connecting ridge that occupies some geographers (5)
  - 23 Moor was ruined by him blowing away half the capital (4)
  - 26 Thyme's regularly found in area of pasture (3)



- Last week's answers**
- 1 NOBELLAUREATE
  - 2 OEOAENLT
  - 3 VISITORAGGRADE
  - 4 OETDLENN
  - 5 TORSO
  - 6 WIMBLEDON
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# SPORTS

## MARIE LUKUSA

Forward



Photo by Scott Wells | The Prospectus  
Sophomore forward Marie Lukusa scores a goal during the second half of a match against Illinois Central College on Sept. 9, 2015. The Cobras dominated the Cougars by a score of 11-0.

## Coach, team reputation: Reasons transfer players choose Parkland College



Photo by Zonghui Li | The Prospectus  
Catcher Will Duggins (12) and Pitcher Ross Learnard (4) warm up before their game against Lincoln College on Sept. 2, 2015.

**Jacob Kenter**  
Staff Writer

The Parkland Baseball team is working towards winning a championship this year with some key transfer players helping out this season.

With so many places to play collegiate baseball, one might wonder why players would choose to play at Parkland.

Parkland is consistently competitive in baseball and that definitely makes Parkland an enticing option for transfer students.

Most players cite the team's reputation as well as the opportunity to play for Coach Dave Garcia as reasons for their decision to come to Parkland.

Ryan Fox, a pitcher for the team, said he picked Parkland for those reasons.

“(The Parkland Baseball players) are always really good and Coach Garcia is really good at placing players,” Fox said.

Joe Bayle, a sophomore infielder for the team, said his high school coach had known Garcia so he came for a visit and he said he loved Parkland after that.

Mike Enriquez, a sophomore pitcher who transferred from Lewis University, said he really likes being on the Parkland Baseball team.

“We have good team bonding. At Lewis there was some separation between upperclassman and lowerclassman, but here we (don't have that),” Enriquez said.

Bayle said he also enjoys playing baseball for Parkland and noted the competition is about the same as it was at Northern Illinois University.



Photo by Scott Wells | The Prospectus  
Rightside hitter Hayley Gray tips the ball over the net during the second set of the match against Lincoln on Sept. 9, 2015. The Cobras went on to defeat the Lynx in three sets.



Photo by Rod Shilts | Marketing and Public Relations  
Parkland Women's Volleyball huddle up during a match against Lincoln in the Donald C. Dodd's Jr. Athletic Center on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Parkland won 3-0.

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WOMEN's Volleyball

Fall 2015



Date

Time

Opponent

Location

August 15

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Parkland Alumni Matches

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August 22-23

TBA

South Suburban Tournament

Wisconsin Dells, WI

August 28-30

TBA

Owens Tournament

Toledo, OH

September 5

TBA

Parkland Tri-Match

Parkland College

September 7

TBA

Millikin JV Tri

Decatur, IL

September 9

6:00 pm

Lincoln

Parkland College

September 11-12

TBA

Kirkwood Tournament

Cedar Rapids, IA

September 15

6:00 pm

Lincoln Land

Parkland College

September 18-20

TBA

Parkland Invitational

Parkland College

September 24

6:00 pm

Lewis & Clark

Godfrey, IL

September 25-26

TBA

Johnson County Tournament

Overland Park, KS

October 2-3

TBA

Vincennes Tournament

Vincennes, IN

October 6

6:00 pm

ICC

Parkland College

October 9-10

TBA

DMACC Tournament

Boone, IA

October 14

5:00 pm

Millikin JV

Parkland College

October 17

11:00 am

M-WAC Tournament

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October 24

11:00 am

Parkland Tri

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October 28

6:00 pm

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October 30-31

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Women's Volleyball outside hitter Lizzy Barnard spikes the ball against Lincoln in the Donald C. Dodd's Jr. Athletic Center on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. Parkland won 3-0.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Ellnora Fest celebrates iconic instrument



Photo by Ruben Aguilar | The Prospectus

**Pictured are wooden guitars hanging from the ceiling of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts during the Ellnora Guitar Festival Sept. 8-12. Artists around Champaign-Urbana were given wooden guitar cutouts to paint and display during the festival.**

**Bill Kirby**  
Staff Writer

This year’s Ellnora Guitar Festival, a week long celebration of America’s most iconic instrument, took place Sept. 8-12 at the Krannert Center for Performing Arts. The festival offered 29 performances from both local and worldwide artists-14 of which were free to the public.

Dr. Young Kim, Director of the Parkland Guitar Ensemble, said the festival offers fellow musicians and others in attendance the opportunity to hear something new and different. “The festival exposes people and musicians to new music at a very high level,” Kim said.

The Ellnora Festival brings together many different genres of music with the goal to expose listeners to new styles and artists they may not have heard before.

Janet Hamilton, a member of the Parkland Guitar Ensemble, said that exposure can be very inspiring. “Going to the guitar festival and hearing new music can inspire you to be a better musician and be motivated to learn more about the instrument,” Hamilton said.

The Parkland Guitar Ensemble hopes to play for the festival in the future.

This year the guitar festival also featured a gallery of paintings by local artists. With a common theme, artists painted original designs in the shapes of guitars. The artwork was on display in The Studio Theater. Artists of all ages used spray paint, oil paint, acrylics, recycled metals and more.

The Parkland Child Development Center had four pieces featured in the gallery. “Having paintings by the children is a wonderful way for them to participate in the community. It helps build

their sense of self-esteem. They can attend the event with their family and it helps build their overall social emotional development,” said Nancy Kemna, Director of the Parkland Child Development Center.

In past years the festival has featured many seminars and clinics hosted by local business. It has also featured performances by local schools in the lobby before and after concerts.

“Having local students play before and after concerts provides them with the opportunity to be heard and engage the community. Having seminars and clinics in local business can increase awareness of the community, because, people come to the festival from all across the country,” said Dyke Corson, owner of Corson’s Music.

For more information about the Ellnora Guitar Festival, go to [www.ellnorguitarfestival.com](http://www.ellnorguitarfestival.com).



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**Jeremy Gustin, the drummer of Star Rover, performs on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts during the Ellnora Guitar Festival.**

## Miss Georgia Betty Cantrell wins Miss America pageant

**Wayne Parry**  
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Miss Georgia Betty Cantrell is the new Miss America, but her crowning moment was nearly overshadowed by a three-decade old pageant scandal, and a still-raw debate over whether the NFL’s reigning champions cheated on their way to a Super Bowl victory.

Cantrell rode an opera performance of “Tu Tu Piccolo Iddio” from “Madame Butterfly” to the title in Atlantic City’s Boardwalk Hall on Sunday night, besting 51 other competitors in the nationally televised pageant. She won a preliminary competition earlier in the week, also with an opera performance.

“I’m still so overwhelmed, I don’t know what to say other than thank you!” Cantrell told reporters moments after being crowned Miss America.

She won a \$50,000 scholarship along with her title.

Cantrell is due to make the traditional pageant-winner’s frolic in the Atlantic City surf on Monday morning.

The pageant also marked the return of Miss America 1984 Vanessa Williams, who

was back for the first time after resigning the crown in 1984 following a nude photo scandal. Pageant executive chairman Sam Haskell apologized to Williams, who served as head judge, on behalf of the pageant.

“I want to apologize for anything that was said or done,” Haskell told Williams as they stood on the stage and the audience bathed her in applause. “Vanessa: Welcome back!”

Cantrell was asked during the question and answer portion of the pageant whether New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady cheated en route to his team’s run to a Super Bowl title last season by using footballs that were improperly deflated. A league-imposed four-game suspension of Brady was recently overturned by a federal judge.

During the pageant, Cantrell said, “I’m not sure” when asked if Brady cheated. “I’d have to see the ball and feel it” she said, before adding, “If there’s any question, then yes, he cheated.”

Asked by The Associated Press to clarify her remarks afterward, Cantrell said, “It was kind of a funky question to ask me if Tom Brady cheated. I’m not a football player and

I really wasn’t there to feel that ball. If there was any question as to whether or not he cheated and somebody else felt the ball and decided that it was deflated, then yes, I guess he did cheat.”

The 1st runner-up was Miss Mississippi, Hannah Roberts, who earned a \$25,000 scholarship. Her talent was classical violin. The 2nd runner up was Miss Colorado, Kelley Johnson, who performed an original monologue and won a \$20,000 Scholarship.

Miss Georgia’s win ended New York’s dominance at the Miss America pageant. Last year’s Miss America, Kira Kazantsev, was the third consecutive Miss New York to win the title.

“I can’t believe it’s been a year since I was backstage getting ready to compete, just as the contestants are right now,” Kazantsev said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon in Boardwalk Hall.

“

Preliminary competition in talent, interviews, evening wear and swimsuit competition ran through Thursday.

On Saturday, the Miss America contestants hit the Atlantic City Boardwalk for the annual “Show Us Your



Photo by Mel Evans | AP Photo

**Newly crowned Miss America Betty Cantrell touches her crown at the 2016 Miss America pageant, Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015, in Atlantic City, N.J.**

Shoes” parade.

Most of the shoes had designs specific to the contestant’s home states. New Jersey, for instance, had dice and Monopoly money on her shoes in a nod to the pageant’s Atlantic City history. Miss Idaho had a potato.

Contestants from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico

were vying for the crown. The U.S. Virgin islands, which competed last year, could not field the required minimum number of entrants this year, pageant officials said. It is eligible for future competitions.

Wayne Parry can be reached at <http://twitter.com/WayneParryAC>